

Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce

Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau Pottawattamie County Growth Alliance

Resolution Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Resolution of Support for the Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in The 21st Century (TIME 21)

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature is seeking support and input concerning transportation needs with public meetings being held throughout the state; AND

WHEREAS, the need for additional dollars to fund critical transportation infrastructure improvements has been increased due to rising construction costs and a stagnant revenue stream from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF), AND

WHEREAS, the Council Bluffs interstate system and supporting state roads in Council Bluffs are in need of repair and improved roads and streets are critical in an effective economic development effort on the state and local level, AND

WHEREAS, the Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce is heavily involved in area Economic Development efforts and supports the Iowa Department of Transportations request for an additional \$200 million/year added to the RUTF that would be committed to roadway infrastructure, AND

WHEREAS, we strongly recommend against any single funding source but that the legislature consider spreading these additional annual costs fairly, economically, and strategically across several types of fees and taxes to keep from unfairly burdening any one class or type of payer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the vital role that our transportation system performs for Iowa and the Council Bluffs Area and encourages the legislature to strongly consider funding alternatives to increase revenue to the Road Use Tax Fund.

Jane Bell, 2007 Board Chair